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Identical letters dated 8 January 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that, on 7 January 2008, Israeli enemy forces violated the Blue Line and infiltrated 210 metres into Lebanese territory (UTM coordinates 748493-685838). Those forces also kidnapped the Lebanese citizen Fadi Abdul Al, who was herding cattle on the outskirts of the town of Halta next to Shab`a Farms, and detained him for one day.

My Government considers this act a grave aggression against my country's sovereignty and should be condemned in the strongest terms on the basis of the principles and provisions of international law and customs.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 17, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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